Permission to trading institutions for Agriculture sector

†182. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to major Indian and foreign trading companies to function in various sectors related to agriculture;

(b) if so, the total number of such Indian as well as foreign companies which are functioning in the agriculture related sectors; and

(c) the amount of domestic and foreign capital investment made by the each such company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid onthe Table of the House.

Welfare of vegetable/fruit growers in Himachal Pradesh

183. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the welfare of vegetable/ fruit growers in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, district-wise, during 2001-2002; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of state's Efforts through Work Plans. Under this Scheme the State Governments have the option to prioritize their programmes as per their needs and requirement. During the year 2001-02, an outlay of Rs. 18.00 crores have been allocated for Himachal Pradesh. However, District-wise allocations are made by the State Government. The Work Plan for Himachal Pradesh envisages activities like supply of hybrid vegetable seeds, bio-fertilizers, micro nutrients, plant protection equipment, dissemination of technology through block demonstration, workshops,

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